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In the Matter of the Petition of

DOCKET NO. UT-011439

VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,

TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
DENYING PETITION FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

For Waiver of WAC 480-120-071(2)(a)

The Commission will not grant review of an interlocutory order that denies a party an opportunity to file response testimony when the party was long aware that the agreed-upon schedule precluded such a response and the party failed to make a timely objection to the schedule. ¶28; WAC 480-09-760.

An agreement between the parties filed in letter form with the Commission's Executive Secretary does not constitute a "settlement" approved by the Commission as contemplated under the Commission's procedural rules. ¶30; WAC 480-09-466.

A party's failure to provide complete answers to discovery questions that are ambiguous in nature does not constitute an "other" factor requiring grant of interlocutory review. ¶34; WAC 480-09-760 (1)(c).

December 20, 2002

In the Matter of the
Continued Costing and Pricing of
Unbundled Network Elements,
Transport, and Termination

DOCKET NO. UT-003013

FORTY-FOURTH
SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER; PART
D FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING
NONRECURRING AND
RECURRING RATES FOR
UNBUNDLED NETWORK
ELEMENTS

The Part D Final Order affirms in part, reverses in part and clarifies the Part D Initial Order related to nonrecurring and recurring costing and pricing of unbundled network elements for Qwest and Verizon.

The Commission affirms that cost methodologies used by ILECs must be open, capable of easy adjustment and capable of verification. ¶29

The Commission affirms that a 30% composite reduction to Qwest's work time estimates supporting its nonrecurring costs ("NCRs") must be applied to all rate elements, including uncontested elements, because reliance on unverifiable time estimate information supplied by anonymous subject matter experts, ("SMEs") makes all Qwest's NRCs unreliable. ¶29.

The filing of a cost study associated with call branding and switch set-up is more appropriate for a future docket rather than the compliance

phase of this case because that will allow the parties sufficient time to review the filing and air any challenges to it. ¶121.

The Commission denies a petition for administrative review when review is requested on an issue that is integral to another overarching issue in the Initial Order that the party failed to challenge. ¶132.